



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5063***

LCO No. 526



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF PARDON  
APPLICATIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-130a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 (a) Jurisdiction over the granting of, and the authority to grant,  
4 commutations of punishment or releases, conditioned or absolute, in  
5 the case of any person convicted of any offense against the state and  
6 commutations from the penalty of death shall be vested in the Board of  
7 Pardons and Paroles.

8 (b) The board shall have authority to grant pardons, conditioned,  
9 provisional or absolute, for any offense against the state at any time  
10 after the imposition and before or after the service of any sentence.

11 (c) The board may accept an application for a pardon three years  
12 after an applicant's conviction of a misdemeanor or violation and five  
13 years after an applicant's conviction of a felony, except that the board,

14 upon a finding of extraordinary circumstances, may accept an  
 15 application for a pardon prior to such dates. Notwithstanding the  
 16 provisions of chapter 14, the board shall not disclose the contents of  
 17 applications for full or provisional pardons except upon the request of  
 18 a state's attorney.

19 (d) Whenever the board grants an absolute pardon to any person,  
 20 the board shall cause notification of such pardon to be made in writing  
 21 to the clerk of the court in which such person was convicted, or the  
 22 Office of the Chief Court Administrator if such person was convicted  
 23 in the Court of Common Pleas, the Circuit Court, a municipal court, or  
 24 a trial justice court.

25 (e) Whenever the board grants a provisional pardon to any person,  
 26 the board shall cause notification of such pardon to be made in writing  
 27 to the clerk of the court in which such person was convicted. The  
 28 granting of a provisional pardon does not entitle such person to  
 29 erasure of the record of the conviction of the offense or relieve such  
 30 person from disclosing the existence of such conviction as may be  
 31 required.

32 (f) In the case of any person convicted of a violation for which a  
 33 sentence to a term of imprisonment may be imposed, the board shall  
 34 have authority to grant a pardon, conditioned, provisional or absolute,  
 35 in the same manner as in the case of any person convicted of an offense  
 36 against the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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**LAB**      *Joint Favorable C/R*      **JUD**